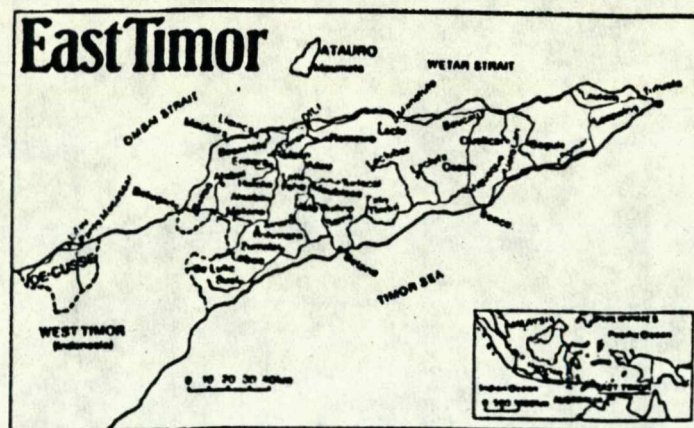




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The Indonesian military battallion 328, under Prabowo command, president Suharto's son-in-law, which was operating in Matebian mountain, in the eastern part of East Timor, is now operating in Laline region, in the central part of the territory.

Thirty seven soldiers of this battallion were killed by FRETILIN guerrillas, on January 24 .

In the same day, there was a fierce fighting between FRETILIN guerrillas and Indonesian soldiers in Ainaro region, located in the central part of the territory. Loses from both sides is still unknown. It is only known that at least 36 Indonesian soldiers, heavily wounded, were taken to Jakarta for medical treatment on January 25 .

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PRESS RELEASE

Reinforcing the National Convergence. Reinforcing the ties of friendship and solidarity with the portuguese-speaking Countries of Africa. Reinforcing cooperation with the portuguese authorities.

Lisbon, January 23rd - Reinforcing national unity of all timorese around the Nationalist Convergence (NC) it is one of the aims outlined by the leaders of FRETILIN's Overseas Delegation, in a meeting held on January 19-24. The meeting culminated with a public session with representatives of Lisbon timorese community on Sunday afternoon , on January 22nd.

Reinforcing the ties of friendship and solidarity already deeply existing between FRETILIN and the Portuguese-speaking Countries of Africa was among other conclusions of the FRETILIN Overseas Delegation's meeting in Lisbon. Dr. Abilio Araujo the chief of the delegation, pointed out: "The 'Five' were always with us. They were and continue to be our secure rear. Let us always try to reply to this friendship and confidence".

Thus, was summed up by the secretary of the international relations and the FRETILIN representative at the UN, Dr. Jose Ramos Horta, the relationship with the portuguese State: "The Portuguese diplomacy concerning the question of East Timor is in the right direction. Portugal must not waver. There is an increasing sympathy with the Maubere's People struggle. The winds of change are blowing in the region".

Timor ...

The relationship of the NC with the portuguese authorities have been characterized by frequent dialogue, consultations, setting up ideas and positions, mutual confidence. This is highly positive. This means the recognition of the legitimacy of the NC by the portuguese state as the representative of the people of East Timor to reach a negotiated political solution to the problem."

On January 23rd, afternoon, the chief of FRETILIN Overseas Delegation, Dr. Abilio Araujo and Dr. Ramos Horta were received by the chairman of the Assembly of the Republic whom was delivered two messages from East Timor, signed by the resistance leader, Jose Alexander (Xanana) Gusmao. The two messages make reference to the planned visit to East Timor by a portuguese parliamentary mission and manifests the " keen interest " from the resistance to meet the members of the said mission, once in East Timor's territory.

Consultation meetings with the U.D.T. Political Commission chief's, Dr. Moises do Amaral were held, in the context of the meetings of the FRETILIN Overseas Delegation representatives, having the two delegations studied new sensitization campaigns on the international community .

Hence, Dr, Ramos Horta said : " We are going to strengthen our presence in Australasia. We are going to start new campaigns in Scandinavia, Austria, Spain. Greece always supported us and we need to consolidate this support. We need to cast again our presence in Brasil. We have a vast task in front of us " .

Three more leaders of this organization participated in this 3rd FRETILIN Review Meeting : Mari Alkatiri, the deputy chairman of FRETILIN Overseas Delegation, resident in Maputo, Dr. Roque Rodrigues, the representative in Luanda and Lisbon and Dr. Guilhermina Araujo, the responsible for the Economic, Literary and Cultural sector.

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EAST TIMOR CONTINUES TO BE CLOSED

President Suharto issued a decree, on December 29, 1988, "opening up" East Timor to foreigners on January 1st, 1989.

On January 1st, three foreign tourists tried to go to East Timor through Kupang's "El Tari" airport. But when they were about to buy tickets to fly to Dili, their requests were refused by officials of the government-owned airlines, "Merpati" and "Garuda", on the grounds that they should first obtain travel permits from local authorities to enter the territory ("Jakarta Post", 3.1.89).

The chief of East Nusa Tenggara's Wira Sakti military command, Col. Djojo S. told "Kompas" he had requested information on the matter from his superiors "but so far they have yet to be issued".

BLACK BOOK ON EAST TIMOR

The Portuguese Parliamentary Commission on East Timor, meeting in January, undertook to carry out two major tasks related with East Timor i.e., the elaboration of a "Black Book" on the situation in the territory and the production of a film documentary based on available archive footages.

The first is to be made available to visiting parliamentary delegations and the latter to be sent to all Portuguese Embassies abroad ("Expresso" 14.01.89).

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"Human Rights Monitor", issued by the International Service of Human Rights, a coordinating body of international NGOs, states that the positions taken by the NGOs during the last years concerning the question of East Timor "understate the reality" that "the situation is worst than the experts imagine".

The bulletin says that the Indonesian occupation troops are using all known inhuman practices.

The bulletin of the NGOs appeals to the governmental organizations to express, in a clear way, about the question of East Timor in the coming session of the UN Human Rights Commission and to support a draft resolution demanding "respect for the human rights in the territory" which the UN has always considered to be under portuguese administration ("Diário de Notícias" 5.1.89).



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FRETILIN forces attacked on 31st December of 1988, Indonesian military positions in Dili and the Lahane and Taibesse. They also attacked Balibar, the outskirts of the capital, located three kilometers from Dili; in the southeast of the territory was also attacked and some military personnel of the Indonesian battallion 745, fled to the jungle, joining the FRETILIN guerrillas.

On December 31st, FRETILIN guerrillas attacked and destroyed an Indonesian military post in Vemassee, in the eastern part of the territory, killing seven Indonesian soldiers and capturing military equipment.

On November 4th, Indonesian troops carried out a big military offensive in the eastern part of the territory, aiming at the murder of the timorese leader, Xanana Gusmao and to secure the territory for the widely publicized "opening" of East Timor to foreigners.

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Two platoons of Indonesia military battallions, 744 and 745, plus 25 militias (HANSIP) are held in Komarka prison of Dili, the capital of East Timor, for allegedly being involved in the clandestine organizations of Maubere's Resistance .

In the same prison there are still seven prisoners students of Externato S. Jose school, civil servants , Indonesian transmigrants and other military personnel who were arrested by the ^{elite troops during the visit of the} Indonesian president, General Suharto, to East Timor, on November 1st and 2nd of 1988.

Meanwhile, during December of 1988, 58 timorese families from Viqueque region, abandoned the Indonesia-occupied areas in East Timor and joined the guerrillas in the mountains .

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